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Harrington Police Officer Faces Child Pornography Charges

Harrington – An investigation by the Delaware Child Predator Task Force resulted in the arrest yesterday of Jonathan Kendall, age 37, on multiple counts of dealing in child pornography. Officers from the Child Predator Task Force and Delaware State Police Troop 4 executed a search warrant on January 19, 2011 at Kendall's residence, located at 10441 N. Union Church Road, Lincoln, DE. Officers seized a computer and other evidence. A forensic analysis uncovered evidence of dealing in child pornography.

Kendall was taken into custody yesterday at Delaware State Police Troop 3. At that time, two additional search warrants, which were obtained based on the evidence seized during the execution of the January 19 search, were executed at Kendall's residence and vehicle. Additional evidence was recovered from the vehicle and residence. After a review of all the evidence, Kendall was charged with 27 counts of dealing in child pornography, one count of hindering prosecution, and official misconduct. He was arraigned and was committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center in lieu of \$272,000 secured bond. Kendall was a Harrington police officer at the time of the investigation.

"We will never let up from our efforts to protect our kids and we will never back down from the challenge of combating child predators," Attorney General Beau Biden said.

Yesterday's arrest came the same day that a federal grand jury indicted Shane Kiser, age 29, of Millsboro, on charges of attempted enticement of a minor and receipt and possession of child pornography. Kiser was arrested October 16 at a Dover-area hotel as the result of a Child Predator Task Force investigation. Kiser had agreed during an Internet chat to drive to the hotel to have sex with the investigator's fictional child. Kiser was a registered nurse who was employed at Beebe Hospital and Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, MD.

A mugshot of Kendall is available upon request.

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